

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (withdrawn) A method of playing a video poker game, the method comprising: receiving an initial bet; dealing a first hand of cards to a player; allowing the player to select any number of cards to discard; offering an option for the player to make a second bet; replacing the selected cards to form a final hand; determining a rank of the final hand; paying the initial bet according to the rank using a first payable; and paying the second bet, if the player chose to make the second bet.
2. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising: after the player selects cards to discard, displaying a dynamic payable.
3. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the dynamic payable comprises ranks and payouts, and the payouts reflect probabilities of making ranks based on the selected cards and non selected cards.
4. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 3, wherein the dynamic payable is updated as soon after the player changes a selected card.
5. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein a return of the dynamic payable is designed to approximate or equal a predetermined house advantage.

6. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the second bet is paid according to the dynamic payable.

7. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 3, wherein the second bet is paid according to the dynamic payable.

8. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising dealing a plurality of final hands to implement a multi line version, and collecting the second bet for each final hand.

9. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein if the selected cards comprise a paying hand, the paying hand is not active on the dynamic payable.

10. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein after the dynamic payable is computed, top payouts are shifted towards the bottom.

11. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 2, further comprising capping a payout on the dynamic payable.

12. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the initial bet and the second bet are both paid according to the first payable.

13. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the player must make the second bet.

14. (withdrawn) A method of automatically generating a payable, comprising: calculating probabilities for being dealt each rank of a plurality of ranks; and dividing the calculated probabilities by a number of possible paying ranks to obtain payouts for each rank.

15. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 12, wherein probabilities are calculated based on cards selected to be held.
16. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 14, further comprising automatically shifting respective payouts between two ranks.
17. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 14, further comprising capping a selected payout for a rank and shifting an excess portion to another payout.
18. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 14, further comprising successively shifting fractional portions of payouts.
19. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 18, wherein the fractional portions of payouts are successively shifted to other payouts until only a single payout has a fractional portion, upon which the fractional portion for the single payout is discarded.
20. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein a deck used to deal the cards includes a wildcard or wildcards.
21. (withdrawn) A method of automatically generating a paytable, comprising:
automatically calculating probabilities for an occurrence of each of a series of events; and
automatically dividing the calculated probabilities by a number of events with greater than 0 probability to obtain payouts for each respective event.
22. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 21, further comprising automatically shifting respective payouts between two ranks.
23. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 21, further comprising capping a selected payout for a rank and shifting an excess portion to another payout.
24. (withdrawn) A method of playing a video poker game, comprising: implementing a

video poker game, with the additional feature of allowing a player to place an additional bet after being dealt the initial cards; and paying the additional bet based on a computed payable based on the player's initial cards.

25. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 24, wherein the computed payable is based on the player's initial cards and which of the initial cards the player has selected to discard.

26. (withdrawn) A computer readable storage medium storing a method of playing a video poker game, the medium controlling a computer by: implementing a video poker game, with the additional feature of allowing a player to place an additional bet after being dealt the initial cards; and paying the additional bet based on a computed payable based on the player's initial cards.

27. (withdrawn) A computer readable storage medium as recited in claim 26, wherein the computed payable is based on the player's initial cards and which of the initial cards the player has selected to discard.

28. (withdrawn) An apparatus for playing a video poker game, comprising: a processing unit implementing a video poker game, with the additional feature of allowing a player to place an additional bet after being dealt the initial cards; and a paying unit paying the additional bet based on a computed payable based on the player's initial cards.

29. (withdrawn) An apparatus as recited in claim 28, wherein the computed payable is based on the player's initial cards and which of the initial cards the player has selected to discard.

30. (withdrawn) An apparatus for playing a video poker game, comprising: means for implementing a video poker game, with the additional feature of allowing a player to place an additional bet after being dealt the initial cards; and means for paying the additional bet based on a computed payable based on the player's initial cards.

31. (withdrawn) In a method of a playing a game on a gaming machine, the steps of: providing a video image of five cards randomly dealt from a standard deck of fifty two cards in response to a player depositing a draw Poker wager into the machine, said five randomly dealt cards forming a first Poker hand; providing a video image of a second chance pay table; permitting said player to deposit a second chance wager into the machine prior to said player making a draw that causes an exchange of images of selected ones of said five cards with images of newly dealt cards from said deck thereby forming a second Poker hand; permitting said player to make said draw; providing a view of a draw poker pay table; making a payout to said player in accordance with said second Poker hand and the draw Poker pay table; and making a payout to said player in accordance with said second Poker hand and a second chance pay table when said player makes said second chance wager.

32. (withdrawn) In the method of claim 1 wherein said step of providing said video image of said second chance pay table includes the steps of: said player providing to the machine a first exchange input that indicates which cards of said first poker hand are to be exchanged; providing said video image of said second chance table in response to said exchange input; and providing a video image of a second poker hand in response to a second exchange input.

33. (withdrawn) In the method of claim 1, the additional step of making a draw poker bonus payout when the first poker hand has a rank that is a straight or higher.

34. (withdrawn) In the method of claim 1, the additional step of making a second chance bonus payout when the second hand wager is made prior to cards being dealt and the first poker hand has a rank that is a straight or higher.

35 (previously presented) A method to play a video poker game, the method comprising:
displaying a first payable comprising ranks (R1,R2,R3,...) and respective first awards (F1,F3,F3);

receiving a first wager;
displaying an initial randomly dealt hand of cards face up to a player;
allowing the player to identify held cards out of the initial hand, wherein cards which are not held cards are discards;

displaying a second payable comprising ranks (R1,R2,R3...) and respective secondary awards (S1,S2,S3,), the secondary awards automatically updating based on the held cards and discards, each secondary award reflecting respective probabilities (P1,P2,P3,...Pn) of forming each respective rank on a draw based on the held cards and the discards, wherein if the secondary awards are sorted from highest to lowest then their corresponding respective probabilities to form respective ranks on the draw using the held cards and discards are in order from lowest to highest, wherein a first award from the first payable for a particular rank is higher than a second award from the first payable for a specific rank while a secondary award from the second payable for the particular rank is lower than a secondary award from the second payable for the specific rank;

performing the draw by replacing the discards in the initial hand to form a final hand; and

paying the first wager using the first payable based on the final hand and paying a second wager made by the player before the draw using the second payable based on the final hand.

36. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 35, wherein a sum of the secondary payouts multiplied by each secondary payout's respective probability of occurring after the draw based on the held cards and discards is a predetermined number.

37. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 35, wherein if the held cards comprise a winning rank on the first payable, then a secondary award for the winning rank is automatically deactivated on the second payable.

38. (withdrawn) A method to play a video poker game, the method comprising:
displaying a first paytable comprising ranks and respective first awards;
receiving a first wager;
displaying an initial randomly dealt hand of cards face up to a player;
allowing the player to identify held cards out of the initial hand, wherein cards which are not held cards are discards;
displaying a second paytable comprising ranks and respective secondary awards, the secondary awards automatically updating based on the held cards, each secondary award reflecting respective probabilities of forming each respective rank on a draw based on the held cards and the discards, wherein secondary payouts for respective ranks that are not possible to draw into based on the held cards and discards are automatically given a value of zero;
performing the draw by replacing the discards in the initial hand to form a final hand; and
paying the first wager using the first paytable based on the final hand and paying a second wager made by the player before the draw using the second paytable based on the final hand.
39. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 38, wherein a sum of the secondary payouts multiplied by each secondary payout's respective probability of occurring after the draw based on the held cards and discards is a predetermined number.
40. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 38, wherein if the held cards comprise a winning rank on the first paytable, then a secondary award for the winning rank is automatically deactivated on the second paytable.
41. (withdrawn) An apparatus to play a video poker game the apparatus comprising:
a computer performing:
displaying a first paytable comprising ranks (R1,R2,R3,...) and respective first awards (F1,F2,F3...);

receiving a first wager;
displaying an initial randomly dealt hand of cards face up to a player;
allowing the player to identify held cards out of the initial hand, wherein cards which are not held cards are discards;
displaying a second payable which pays on a second wager comprising ranks and respective secondary awards, the secondary awards automatically updating based on the held cards, each secondary award reflecting respective probabilities of forming each respective rank on a draw based on the held cards and the discards;
determining if, based on the held cards and discards, forming one of the ranks (R1,R2,R3,...) on a draw is not possible, and if forming one of the ranks (R1,R2,R3,...) is not possible then preventing the player from wagering the second wager otherwise allowing the player to wager the second wager;
performing the draw by replacing the discards in the initial hand to form a final hand; and
paying the first wager using the first payable based on the final hand and paying the second wager, if made, using the second payable based on the final hand; and
an output unit to display outputs of the computer.

42. (withdrawn) An apparatus as recited in claim 41, wherein a sum of the secondary payouts multiplied by each secondary payout's respective probability of occurring after the draw based on the held cards and discards is a predetermined number.

43. (withdrawn) An apparatus as recited in claim 41, wherein if the held cards comprise a winning rank on the first payable, then a secondary award for the winning rank is automatically deactivated on the second payable.

44. (withdrawn) A method to play a video poker game, the method comprising:
displaying a first payable comprising ranks (R1,R2,R3,...) and respective first awards (F1,F2,F3...);
receiving a first wager;
displaying an initial randomly dealt hand of cards face up to a player;

allowing the player to identify held cards out of the initial hand, wherein cards which are not held cards are discards;

displaying a second payable comprising ranks (R1,R2,R#...) and respective secondary awards (S1,S2,S3,), the secondary awards automatically updating based on the held cards and discards, each secondary award reflecting respective probabilities (P1,P2,P3,...Pn);

receiving a second wager from the player;

performing the draw by replacing the discards in the initial hand to form a final hand; and

paying the first wager using the first payable based on the final hand and paying the second wager using the second payable based on the final hand,

wherein the second wager wins when the final hand is a rank on the first payable that was possible to form on the draw considering the held cards and discards.

45. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 44, wherein a sum of the secondary payouts multiplied by each secondary payout's respective probability of occurring after the draw based on the held cards and discards is a predetermined number.